Letters by MPs regarding purchase of stationery items from NCCF

5047. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the MPs had written letters to Government regarding the purchase of items of stationary from NCCF a few months back;

(b) whether these letters have not till date been replied inspite of reminders;

(c) if so, the reasons for taking unduly long time in replying to the letters and the time by which the letters will be replied alongwith copies of the information sought: and

(d) the number of letters pending replies to the MPs in the Ministry and since when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions has sent a letter enclosing letter from one Member of Parliament regarding purchase of stationery items from NCCF for comments. The comments were furnished by this Ministry on 28th September, 1994. No other letter having only reference to purchase of items of stationery from NCCF is pending in this Ministry.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Stock shortages in Super Bazar

5048. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been no respite from the stock shortages in the Super Bazar and in its mini branches;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor.

(c) the details of the stock shortages during 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 and so far in the current year;

(d) what action has been taken against the officials involved in these shortages; and

(e) how does the above compare with the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) The stock shortages in Super Bazar & Kendriya Bhandar are as under:—

Year	Super Bazar Stock shortages (Rs. in lakhs)	Kendriya Bhandar Total shortages (Rs. in lakhs)
1992-93	42.82	4.18
1993-94	24.84	4.93

The results of stock takingf or the year 1994-95 are currently being worked out so as to determine the stock storages for this year. The stock shortages occur due to pilferage in self-service stores, spillages, handling of goods, transportation losses, shop lifting and theft.

(d) In addition to recovery of shortages from the slaries of the officials